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Application No. 10/781,021		Filing Date February 18, 2004		Examiner B. Pellegrino	
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Applicant(s): James D. Ralph and Stephen Tatar					
Invention: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE UTILIZING A BELLEVILLE WASHER HAVING RADIALLY EXTENDING GROOVES					
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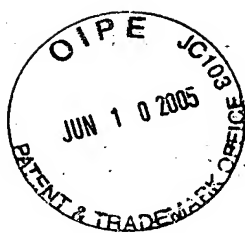
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.